(c) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per the existing instructions, verification of applications of the employees and members of the Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) and of Sikh preachers, ragis and granthis is done by the Ministry of Home Affairs before grant of passports to them.

(b) and (c) These instructions have been reviewed periodically. It is proposed to have another review in this regard;

Cases registered by anti-corruption branch of Delhi Police

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SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by the Anti-Corruption branch in the Delhi Police against the officials working in Government/Civic bodies offices during the current year;

(b) the number of cases registered during the last year and decided by the court; and

(c) the steps which have been taken by Government for expeditious disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a)and (b) The number of cases connected with corruption registered by the Anti-Corruption Branch of the National Capital Territory of Delhi against the officials working in the Central Government, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Local Bodies, etc. in the year 2002 and during the current year (upto 29th July) was 56 and 36 respectively. The number of such cases decided by the Courts in the year 2002 was 43.

(c) The steps taken for expeditious disposal of cases include conducting investigation into cases registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act on priority basis; monitoring of pending cases on weekly, fortnightly and monthly basis by senior officers; attachment of Senior Public Prosecutor with the Anti Corruption branch for rendering immediate legal advice, and scrutiny of cases right from the stage of preliminary investigation to filing of charge sheet in the court of law.